crore has been released to the State Government in advance for undertaking immediate measures.

(d) and (e) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake necessary meausres in this regard. An allocation 5,000 MTs of foodgrains has been made to the State under Food for Work Programme, with a view to generate additional employment.

Hybrid varieties of grapes and citrus

2136. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the post harvest losses for grapes and citrus in 2000-2001 as compared to the preceding year;

(b) the hybrid varieties of fruits evolved in 2000-2001; and

(c) whether ICAR has taken up any form of research work with Universities/Institutions abroad for development of hybrid variety of fruits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No information is available regarding post harvest losses for grapes and citrus in the year 2000-2001 as compared to the preceding year.

(b) In fruits, only one hybrid "Amlidana" has been evolved in pomegranate during 2000-2001.

(c) No. Sir.

Merger of agricultural schemes

2137. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to merge or prune the existing schemes in Agriculture;

(b) if so, what are the schemes which Government are contemplating of merging or weeding out; and

(c) the reasons for such a proposal?